CHAPTER 5

THE SIGNIFIGANCE OF AL MAHDI

Ahmad, Ibn Abi Shaybah, Ibn Majah narrated from'Ali ﷺ that he said: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"We, the children of 'Abd al-Muttalib, are the chiefs of the people of Paradise: Myself, Hamzah, 'Ali, Ja'far, al-Hasan, al-Husayn, and al-Mahdi."

Abu Dawud and at-Tabarani narrated from 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud ﷺ from the Prophet ﷺ that he said:

"If but a single day remained for this world, Allah would prolong that day until He would send in it a man from my household, whose name is like my name, and whose father's name is like my father's name, and he will fill the earth with equity and justice, as it had been filled with tyranny and oppression."

And Ahmad, Abu Dawud and at-Tirmidhi – who graded it hasan sahih [i.e. good and authentic] – narrated from Ibn Mas'ud ﷺ from the Prophet ﷺ:

"The world will not pass away until the Arabs are ruled by a man from my household, whose name is like my name."

And Ibn Abi Shaybah, at-Tabarani, ad-Daraqutni in al-Afrad, Abu Nu'aym and al-Hakim narrated from Ibn Mas'ud ﷺ that he said: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"The world will not pass away until Allah sends a man from my household, whose name is like my name, and whose father's name is like my father's name, and he will fill the earth with equity and justice, as it had been filled with tyranny and oppression."

And at-Tabarani narrated in al-Kabir from Ibn Mas'ud ﷺ from the Prophet ﷺ that he said:

"If but a single night remained for this world, a man would rule during it from my household."

And at-Tirmidhi narrated from Abu Hurayrah ﷺ, and declared it sahih [i.e. authentic], that he said:

"If only a single day remained for the world, Allah would prolong it until he [i.e. the Mahdi] ruled."

And Ahmad, Ibn Abi Shaybah and Abu Dawud narrated from 'Ali ﷺ from the Prophet ﷺ that he said:

"If but a single day remained in time, Allah would send a man from my household, who would fill it [i.e. the earth] with justice, as it had been filled with oppression."

And Nu'aym ibn Hammad narrated from 'Abdullah ibn Shurayk that he said:

"With the Mahdi will be the marked banner of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. If only I could live to meet him while I was still young!"

And he also narrated from Nawf al-Bukali that he said:

"On the banner of the Mahdi it will be written: "Al-bay'atu lillah [the bay'ah is for Allah]."

And al-Hasan ibn Sufyan and Abu Nu'aym narrated from Abu Hurayrah ﷺ that he said: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"If there remained in this world only one night, a man from my household would rule in it."

And Abu Nu'aym narrated from Ibn Mas'ud ﷺ that he said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"If there remained in this world only one night, Allah would prolong that night until a man from my household would rule, whose name is like my name and whose father's name is like my father's name. He will fill it [i.e. the earth] with equity and justice, as it was filled with oppression and tyranny. He will distribute wealth equitably, and Allah will fill the hearts of this Ummah with contentment. He will remain for seven or nine [years], then there will be no good in living after the Mahdi."

And Abu Nu'aym narrated from Abu Sa'id ﷺ that he said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"From us is he behind whom 'Isa ibn Maryam (ﷺ) will pray."

And Abu Nu'aym narrated from Abu Sa'id ﷺ that he said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"'Isa ibn Maryam will descend, and their amir the Mahdi will say: "Come, lead us in the prayer." So he will say: "Indeed, some of you are umara' over others, an honour for this Ummah."

And Abu Nu'aym narrated from Ibn 'Abbas ﷺ that he said: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"That Ummah will not perish which I am at its beginning, 'Isa at its end, and the Mahdi in its middle."

And Ibn Abi Shaybah narrated from Ibn 'Abbas ﷺ that he said:

"The days and nights will not pass away until there comes to power, from us the Ahl al-Bayt, a young man who was never touched by the trials and who never involved himself in them."

It was said: "O Abul-'Abbas! Your old men have failed to attain it, but your youths will?"

He said: "It is Allah's affair, which He gives to whomever He wills."

And Nu'aym narrated from Jabir ibn 'Abdillah ﷺ that he said: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"A group of my Ummah will always remain, fighting upon the Truth, until 'Isa ibn Maryam descends at dawn in Bayt al-Maqdis. He will come to the Mahdi, and it will be said to him: "Come forward, O Prophet of Allah, and lead us in the prayer." So he will say: "The people of this Ummah are trustees for each other, due to their honour before Allah (ﷻ)."